

MING, BUSINESS AND STOCKS.

FROM ROOSEVELT TO THE MEADOWS

SNOWSLEDGE CAME THICK AND FAST

WILD BILL ORES REACH MARKET

An Idaho Man Makes the Trip on Snow Shoes.

FOR ONE HUNDRED MILES

He Journeyed Over Mountains and Into Deep Canyons—Thunder Mountain Will be a Great Camp.

One hundred miles on snow shoes. That is a trip taken recently by F. E. Johnsen, a prominent Thunder Mountain mining man, who has arrived in Salt Lake. The traveler made this somewhat perilous journey from the metropolis of the Thunder Mountain region, to Meadows, at which point it was possible to find a good road and where the footgear, so necessary in the snow-covered mountains of interior Idaho at this time of the year, could be dispensed with.

To a representative of the "News" today, Mr. Johnsen declared that the trip, while difficult in many ways, was not entirely lacking in pleasantness. "The weather was nice," he said, "and of course that was in our favor. The air was crisp, yet we were prepared for the cold, so we got along very nicely and made progress at the rate of 20 miles per day. It took myself and two companions just five days to make our way between Roosevelt and Meadows. Had we encountered severe storms, it would have been indeed, a decidedly different thing, but after all we were fixed for the worst, having with us sufficient blankets and a supply of eatables such as we could conveniently carry."

Until quite lately Mr. Johnsen was superintendent of the Fairview mine in the Thunder camp, which is considered in importance next to the great Dewey mine. He is enthusiastic over the country and believes that some immense properties will be opened up there; that the camp will become second to none in the northwest.

Mr. Johnsen expects to see the district make some rapid strides in the way of advancement this year. One of the greatest needs of the district at the present time is a good wagonroad and this will probably be constructed next summer.

Of the Dewey mine, the visitor speaks in the highest terms, and declares there is no doubt that it is a monster. To his own knowledge a vein of ore has been developed in this property, 60 feet in width, which will average \$3 to the ton; a great milling proposition. "This vein has been explored at a depth of only 170 feet from the surface. Another tunnel is being driven which will penetrate the vein 100 feet further down."

The Dewey company is operating a 70 stamp mill at the present time, but next summer it is the intention to add 60 more stamps and possibly the full 100, as is eventually contemplated. Whether the full complement will be taken in this year or not depends largely upon the progress made with the new road. The Dewey company has had a route surveyed by way of Lone Valley, and the citizens of Boise constructed a road as far as Sand Creek at a cost of \$10,000. But the undertaking will require an immense lot of work and cannot be done without the expenditure of a vast amount of money.

The Fairview mine, Mr. Johnsen believes, will become a wonderful producer. The tunnel now being driven, will take the ore bodies at a depth of 500 feet.

Profile Creek, in the opinion of the visitor, will become a great camp. The surface showings here, he states, are the greatest that he has ever seen in any mining country.

The Buffalo dump region, too, he declares, is coming rapidly to the front again, this time in a substantial manner.

Spokane capital has renewed confidence in the district with the result that without an exception the properties in operation are paying well. Four mills are dropping all 30 stamps. The Crocker-Jack mine has been equipped with live steam, the Jumbo with an equal number, and the Big Buffalo and Wise Boy with ten each.

Mr. Johnsen expects to remain in the city several days longer, but he intends then to return to Boise to devote some attention to properties in which he is interested near there. He intends, however, to go into the Thunder Mountain district again in the spring.

TONOPAH MINE SOLD.

An Important Transaction Recorded in the Nevada Camp.

The present week has witnessed another very important incident in the mining history of some of the most prominent and valuable ground in Tonopah district. The G. & H. Tunnel property, comprising the Silver Star and Occidental claims, was held by a co-ownership between Robert Gordon, A. L. Hudgens, Brougher Bros., T. L. Ciddle and F. Manning. A very considerable amount of development work was effected, but in October a consolidation was brought about by Arthur Brock, Clyde A. Heller and Mr. Tyler, by which was acquired the Del Monte, Belmont, Ohio, Shelling and the Favorite mines. The corporation then formed assuming title of the Tonopah-Belmont Development company. Messrs. Hudgens, Gordon and Manning executed a bond for the conveyance to Arthur Brock \$30,000 shares in the G. & H. Tunnel property for the sum of \$175,000 or 20 cents per share. On June 23 the first payment was made, the parties in interest who sold receiving at that time the sum of \$6,000 each. T. L. Ciddle and the Brougher Bros. retain their entire interest, not selling. Today, Jan. 24, the selling parties received a payment of \$60,000, leaving a balance of \$27,000 to be paid to them in March next.

One to the Value of About \$3,000 Received Today.

The Century mine of Park Valley continues to do its share towards increasing the wealth of the world.

This morning Manager H. W. Madsen received a gold brick from the mine, which represents the last 10 days' run in January. The brick is valued at about \$3,000. Mr. Madsen states that conditions are in a very satisfactory shape at the mine.

Thrilling Experiences of Geo. H. Harkins and Companions.

CAME NEAR MEETING DEATH

Their Cabin Nearly Swept Away by Avalanches—Almost Failed in the Effort to Reach Civilization.

Life in the high mountain peaks of Deep Creek canyon in the dead of winter has no more charms for George H. Harkins and two men by the name of Stewart, who have been working for him at the McCall mine since last fall. Mr. Harkins and associates had an experience with snow slides last week which will satisfy them for awhile and they are very happy, indeed, to reach civilization again after having had a narrow escape from being covered up by an avalanche and dying from exhaustion while endeavoring to get out of the canyon, after leaving their mountain home to its peril.

Mr. Harkins was seen by a representative of the "News" today. "It began snowing up in the mountains where we were at work on the McCall mine property," he said, "on the 19th of January, and the storm lasted until the night of the 28th, just nine days."

"About tonight, on the last day, we were at work about the cabin, when all of a sudden we heard a crash and on looking out we saw a mighty snowslide whizz by us at a terrific speed and its path came within 100 feet of where we were. Just a little while after we heard another slide whizzing down the mountain and this time it came within 50 feet of the cabin."

Mr. Harkins states that slides were numerous in the canyon about this time, and that they could be heard on every side.

"About 5 o'clock in the evening he concluded that it was unsafe to remain in camp any longer, so Mr. Harkins told his companions that they had better make an effort to get out of the canyon. The Stewart brothers were of the same opinion, so taking their overcoats and a few morsels of food, they started out."

The trip was no more hazardous than they had anticipated and it is almost miraculous that the entire party did not perish. The snow was fearfully deep, and so soft that the underfoot would not hold them up. Numerous slides had preceded them, making it almost impossible to make headway. They struggled along all night and until late in the morning of the next day, when they managed to reach a point of safety."

But when within a few miles of the nearest habitation not far from the mouth of American Fork canyon, Mr. Harkins' strength completely failed him. His companions, although well played out, were not ready to give up, so one of them remained with Mr. Harkins, while the other pushed on in search of aid, which he found at the place mentioned.

After a rest at the home of the rancher, the party was conveyed to American Fork, where they took the train for this city.

PLATINUM AT HANNAH.

Discovered in Mine Owned by Samuel Newhouse.

From the Tonopah Miner the information is gleaned that platinum has been found in the Hannah mine, which is owned by Samuel Newhouse. Assays taken show it to run as high as \$2 to the ounce. The metal does not appear in its native state, but as a combination of platinum-dioxide. It occurs in minute cubes or cube octahedrons, with a decided metallic luster.

In the Klondike.

An Associated Press dispatch from Dawson City, states that a shaft sunk on the El Dorado struck bedrock, 65 feet below first bedrock, with six feet of pay gravel, running as high as \$25 to the bucket.

The strike was not far from the famous Gusher which is now under control. The new shaft is said to be a combination of the old shaft and the Gusher, which is now being sunk.

If lower bedrock actually exists the Klondike district repeats itself, judgment by the pay is found. It is said that there are still other strikes below those found.

Three gusher when struck ran a stream three feet wide and seven inches deep at the rate of 24 gallons an hour.

Ingot Annual Meet.

At their annual meeting held yesterday afternoon, the shareholders of the Ingot Gold Mining Co., elected the following officers for the ensuing year: John Bern, president; E. H. Ains, vice president; George H. Bern, secretary and treasurer; these with George H. Ains and Ralph Guthrie completing the board. A financial statement covering the period from Dec. 23, 1898, to Jan. 1, 1903, showed that the company had received from the sale of its property to date have cost \$12,683.09, with the largest item \$9,925.39, which went for labor. The balance on hand amounted to \$2,757.70.

Tonopah Stock Sales.

The following sales of stock are reported from the board's transactions the past week: Rescue, 3,000 at \$5; Paymaster, 16,000 at \$2; 5,345 at \$2; Coleman, 400 at \$1; 1,400 at \$1; Midway, 200 at \$4; Indiv. Tonopah, 11,300 at \$1. Numerous lots were made for Tonopah Consolidated, Montana, Tonopah, Tonopah Extension and Midway Extension, but none were offered for sale.—Tonopah Miner.

Boss Tweed Meeting.

It is expected that by tomorrow afternoon the deal which was designed to bring about an amalgamation of Victor and Boss Tweed properties of Little will reach a complete consummation. A meeting of shareholders of the Victor Gold Mining Co. is scheduled for tomorrow to consider the matter.

May Become Another Big Beaver County Producer.

CAR AT SAMPLER TODAY.

Lot Consists of 26 Tons—Car Load Brought in Few Days Ago Carried Lead and Silver Values of \$90.

The Wild Bill Mining company of Beaver county had one carload of ore sampled a few days ago from the Moser mine, which contained lead and silver values to the amount of \$30 per ton. There were 27 tons in the carload, carrying an excess of iron of 10 per cent, making it a desirable product. The same company has another carload of 26 tons at the Taylor & Brunton sampler to be tested today. The company under the management of Mr. Rives, is employing 25 men at present, which force will be increased very soon. It is expected this company will be shipping one car of ore a day by March first. A good body of ore has also been found in the Wild Bill.

MARKET WAS STRONGER.

Trading Was Active on Floor of Mining Exchange Today.

The mining stock market was more active this morning than it has been for some time. Trading was brisk and the prices offered, in many instances, were higher than yesterday.

The star feature of the early call was centered upon Daily, which advanced 5 1/2 cents above yesterday's top notch quotations. The brokers were active bidders for the stock and while this was going on the scenes in the pit were quite animated. An explanation for the rise was given that orders from Park City had been received, but it looked as though the "Johns" were the cause. Daily-West was also in good tone, but orders were lacking, hence it was passed by without recording a sale. A board lot of Sacramento was dropped at 2 1/2% a lot of Silver Shield went at 4 1/2%, while South Swansea was taken down at 14 cents. New York seemed to enjoy a turn to the better, but no one could offer a logical explanation for the advance. The mine is closed down definitely, yet there were some buyers ready to take the stock up at 22 cents. Yankee Con. was transferred at 25 1/2 cents.

The closing quotations and sales were:

REGULAR CALL SALES.

Stocks.	Bid.	Asked.
Ajax...	25	25 1/2
Alcoa...	17 1/2	18
Carroll...	10 1/2	10 3/4
Concord...	5	5 1/2
Con. Mer...	1.00	1.05
Crocker...	62 1/2	63
Daily...	4.40	4.45
Daily-Judge...	10.15	10.20
Daily-West...	40.10	40.20
Dexter...	4.00	4.05
Eagle & Blue Bell...	60	61
Galena...	5	5 1/2
Grand Central...	5.12 1/2	5.25
Harmon...	1.12	1.15
Ingot...	1 1/2	1 3/4
Lower Mammoth...	58	59 1/2
Mammoth...	1.50	1.54
McCall...	15 1/2	16
Northern Light...	60	61
Ontario...	5.50	5.55
Petrol...	9	14
Rocco-Homestead...	7	7 1/2
Sacramento...	25 1/2	26
Sunshine...	12	13
Silver King...	80.00	
Silver Shield...	4 1/2	4 3/4
Swansea...	10	11
United States...	22 1/2	23.50
U. S. Con...	24 1/2	25 1/2
Victor...	65	70
Yale...	14	15 1/2
Ben Butler...	14	15 1/2
Black Bear...	47 1/2	57 1/2
Ross Tweed...	19	20
Con. Form...	27 1/2	27 3/4
Century...	30	31
Dalton...	2 1/2	3
Emerald...	34	35
Homestead...	14	15
Joe Bowers...	14	15
La Reine...	5	5 1/2
La Reine...	5	5 1/2
Little Chief...	6	7
Manhattan...	15	15 1/2
Martha Washington...	4 1/2	4 3/4
Richmond-Alex...	2 1/2	2 3/4
N. Y. Bonanza...	20 1/2	21 1/2
Sacramento...	15 1/2	16
Victor...	22	23
Wabash...	27	28
White Rock...	52	53
Yankee Con...	25	26

REGULAR MORNING SALES.

Ajax, 500 at 27 1/2; 500 at 28; 500 at 28 1/2; 500 at 29; 500 at 29 1/2; 500 at 30; 500 at 30 1/2; 500 at 31; 500 at 31 1/2; 500 at 32; 500 at 32 1/2; 500 at 33; 500 at 33 1/2; 500 at 34; 500 at 34 1/2; 500 at 35; 500 at 35 1/2; 500 at 36; 500 at 36 1/2; 500 at 37; 500 at 37 1/2; 500 at 38; 500 at 38 1/2; 500 at 39; 500 at 39 1/2; 500 at 40; 500 at 40 1/2; 500 at 41; 500 at 41 1/2; 500 at 42; 500 at 42 1/2; 500 at 43; 500 at 43 1/2; 500 at 44; 500 at 44 1/2; 500 at 45; 500 at 45 1/2; 500 at 46; 500 at 46 1/2; 500 at 47; 500 at 47 1/2; 500 at 48; 500 at 48 1/2; 500 at 49; 500 at 49 1/2; 500 at 50; 500 at 50 1/2; 500 at 51; 500 at 51 1/2; 500 at 52; 500 at 52 1/2; 500 at 53; 500 at 53 1/2; 500 at 54; 500 at 54 1/2; 500 at 55; 500 at 55 1/2; 500 at 56; 500 at 56 1/2; 500 at 57; 500 at 57 1/2; 500 at 58; 500 at 58 1/2; 500 at 59; 500 at 59 1/2; 500 at 60; 500 at 60 1/2; 500 at 61; 500 at 61 1/2; 500 at 62; 500 at 62 1/2; 500 at 63; 500 at 63 1/2; 500 at 64; 500 at 64 1/2; 500 at 65; 500 at 65 1/2; 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